

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Toshiyuki Takahashi et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Official action of January 8, 2009, for which a reply is due by April 8, 2009, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response. **Remarks** begin on page 14 of this response.